

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC | DOCKET NOS. SPU-02-11 SPU-02-13 |
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ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE

(Issued September 24, 2002)

On August 19, 2002, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing these two appeals from decisions of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, consolidating them for hearing, and setting a procedural schedule. On September 13, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a petition to intervene, stating it has a vital and unique interest in the issues to be considered by the Board in this proceeding. Qwest anticipates it will advocate views that are not aligned with the views of the petitioners, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint), and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3). Qwest acknowledges that it is intervening after the 20-day intervention period provided by 199 IAC 7.2(8). Qwest asks that the Board find Qwest had good cause to delay intervention so it could review the initial pre-filed testimony from Sprint and Level 3 to determine whether to intervene.

Rule 7.2(8) provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, a petition to intervene must be filed within 20 days of the order setting the procedural schedule, except for good cause shown. The Board finds that Qwest has shown good cause

for delaying the filing of its petition to intervene in this docket, so the 20-day limit does not apply and the petition to intervene will be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition to intervene filed in this docket on September 13, 2002, by Qwest Corporation is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of September, 2002.